

March 21, 1969

Mr. George W. Dutcher  
Director of Public Works  
New Castle County  
New Castle County Engineering Building  
Kirkwood Highway  
P. O. Box 165  
Wilmington, Delaware 19899

Dear Mr. Dutcher:

In response to a complaint (see attached letter) from the Red Lion Civic Association concerning the New Castle County Landfill at Tybouts Corner, I inspected the landfill on March 19, 1969.

I concur in your evaluation of the probable cause and course of the fire as being started off the landfill by a cigarette butt thrown from a passing vehicle on route 71. The fire was a grass fire not associated with the landfill operation and the County Personnel at the site are to be commended for their prompt action in preventing a landfill fire and possibly saving a nearby farm house.

The complaint concerning the blowing paper is indeed valid. I have addressed a letter to Mr. Ward who is responsible for this situation. A copy is enclosed.

Also enclosed is a copy of our response to the Red Lion Civic Association.

We are aware of the inadequacy of other landfills and dumps in New Castle County and will take actions to bring them up to standards.

Sincerely,

Robert R. Westerman, Director  
Division of Solid Wastes

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